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OPA Daily Digest for 8/14/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Kevin Yoder (Mo.) 8/9/13: Sale of property at 25 Funston Road in jeopardy because of EPA remediation work halted. Due: 8/26/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Loebsack (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Iowa Public Radio – Clay Masters – 8/9/13: Request for an interview about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrients with the regional administrator on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

Environmental Stories:

WHO-TV - AGRIBUSINESS: Difference in EPA, DNR Philosophies Central to Clean Water Act Enforcement Issue - 8/14/13 - In 2007, three environmental groups in Iowa, the Environmental Integrity Project, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI), and the Iowa Sierra Club, filed a petition with EPA to de-delegate Iowa DNR's authority in enforcing the Clean Water Act in the state, which would turn over enforcement responsibilities to EPA.

<http://whotv.com/2013/08/14/agribusiness-difference-in-epa-dnr-philosophies-central-to-clean-water-act-enforcement-issue/>

Galva News - Blog: Studying organic compounds in atmosphere - 8/14/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced more than \$4.3 million in grants

to 13 institutions to study and improve our understanding of how certain organic compounds form in the atmosphere. The University of Iowa in Iowa City will receive a grant for their study, "Sources and Radiative Properties of Organosulfates in the Atmosphere."

<http://www.galvanews.com/article/20130813/BLOGS/130819963>

KPLR-TV - Nuns to hold prayer vigil at Bridgeton landfill - 8/14/13 - A group of nuns in Bridgeton is planning another prayer vigil Wednesday morning at the West Lake Landfill.

<http://kplr11.com/2013/08/14/nuns-to-hold-prayer-vigil-at-bridgeton-landfill/>

KTVI-TV - Nuns to pray for removal of toxic waste from landfill - 8/14/13 - A group of nuns in Bridgeton is planning another prayer vigil Wednesday morning at the West Lake Landfill.

<http://fox2now.com/2013/08/14/nun-to-pray-for-removal-of-toxic-waste-from-landfill/>

Creston News Advertiser - Adair County farmer to be recognized at Iowa State Fair - 8/14/13 - Dennis Lundy has been selected as one of the recipients of the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award and will be recognized 9 a.m. Thursday by the governor and others in the Penningroth Center at the Iowa State Fair.

<http://www.crestonnewsadvertiser.com/2013/08/13/adair-county-farmer-to-be-recognized-at-iowa-state-fair/aftchyi/>

Decatur Herald-Review - Illinois not 'cow'ed by Iowa fair vandals - 8/14/13 - Despite the utterly surprising attack in Des Moines, Illinois Department of Agriculture spokesman Jeff Squibb said security of Illinois' version has not been altered.

http://herald-review.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois-not-cow-ed-by-iowa-fair-vandals/article_d3973568-04e5-11e3-8f80-001a4bcf887a.html

Muscatine Journal - Iowa's water quality disconnect - 8/14/13 - The Iowa State Fair is now in full swing. This is a grand showcase for livestock, produce and farm machinery, and it is the closest most people will get to the industry that produces the annual bounty for which Iowa is famous around the world.

http://muscatinejournal.com/news/opinion/editorial/columns/iowa-s-water-quality-disconnect/article_586bef7b-1f71-5569-9dc8-16c2ae9318b0.html

KTIC Radio - EPA Chief Gina McCarthy to Deliver Remarks at Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Luncheon in Des Moines - 8/14/13 - Administrator McCarthy will discuss EPA's role in rural America and the Agency's partnership with the agricultural community to protect our water, land, and air. She will also highlight EPA's commitment to carrying out President Obama's Climate Action Plan to reduce carbon pollution, and the new environmental challenges that agriculture and rural communities face. During her visit, McCarthy will also meet with farmers and other members of the agricultural community.

<http://kticradio.com/news/agricultural/index.php?more=xx8ugh8z>

Sioux City Journal - EPA chief coming to Iowa Thursday - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency will be in Iowa later this week to deliver remarks at an awards luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, officials said Tuesday.

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/epa-chief-coming-to-iowa-thursday/article_8c3e0fb7-f7f2-5ac4-a8dc-ac3dd5da0ca6.html

Business Record - EPA chief to talk to farmers Thursday at the fair - 8/13/13 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy will speak Thursday at the Iowa State Fair during the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader awards.

www.businessrecord.com/Content/Ag---Environment/Ag---Environment/Article/EPA-chief-to-talk-to-farmers-Thursday-at-the-fair/163/787/59617

Cedar Rapids Gazette - EPA chief speaking at Iowa State Fairgrounds Thursday - 8/13/12 - The administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency will be in Iowa later this week to deliver remarks at an awards luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, officials said Tuesday.

<http://thegazette.com/2013/08/13/epa-chief-speaking-at-iowa-state-fairgrounds-thursday/>

Des Moines Register - EPA chief Gina McCarthy to speak at Iowa State Fair - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will speak at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday as environmental organizations continue to push for the agency to force Iowa to comply with the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130813/NEWS/130813030/EPA-chief-Gina-McCarthy-speak-Iowa-State-Fair>

Quad-City Times - EPA chief coming to Iowa on Thursday - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, will be in Iowa later this week to deliver remarks at an awards luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, officials said Tuesday.

http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/epa-chief-coming-to-iowa-on-thursday/article_7338e18b-58da-5099-9063-0416008cd2f4.html

Franklin Daily Journal - Former Hays wastewater manager accused of making false statements about discharges - 8/13/12 - The former wastewater manager for the city of Hays was charged with violating the Clean Water Act by lying about nitrogen levels in the city's discharges, the U.S. attorney's office said Tuesday.

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/c20f9f8d282443019ab7cefc2fea870b/KS--Wastewater-Manager-Indictment/#.Ugt9q1cxr4E>

Fulton Sun - City, EPA compromise on wastewater treatment facility - 8/13/13 - On the wings of good news involving a compromise on the Environmental Protection Agency's mandated improvements to the wastewater treatment facility, the Fulton City Council gave the go-ahead to get started on the process at Tuesday's meeting.

<http://www.fultonsun.com/news/2013/aug/14/city-epa-compromise-wastewater-treatment-facility/>

Heartland Institute - It's Time to Restore EPA's Original Purpose - 8/14/13 - In 1968, when I was serving as the head of a groundwater professional society, it became obvious to some of my colleagues and me that the United States did not have any serious focus on potential problems with its air quality, drinking water quality, surface water quality, waste disposal problems, and contamination that could occur from mining and agriculture.

<http://blog.heartland.org/2013/08/its-time-to-restore-epas-original-purpose/>

Bloomberg - Oil Industry Asks U.S. EPA to Limit 2014 Renewable Quotas - 8/14/13 - The American Petroleum Institute asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce requirements in 2014 for the use of renewable fuels, citing limits on refiners to blend in greater volumes of ethanol. The filing is the first by the Washington-based trade group, which represents companies such as Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM) that produce and refine oil, and follows pressure to revise the program from lawmakers, corn consumers and anti-hunger advocates.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-13/oil-industry-asks-u-s-epa-to-limit-2014-renewable-quotas.html>

The Daily Camera - EPA boss Gina McCarthy touts Obama's climate plan at CU-Boulder - 8/14/13 - Gina McCarthy, the newly minted administrator of the Environmental Protection Administration, dropped in on a panel session at the University of Colorado today to tout the climate action plan launched by President Barack Obama earlier this summer. In doing so, she underscored the president's message that time has run out on waiting for Congress to act on issues related to the warming of the planet, and that it's time to champion solutions that can be achieved through executive action, as well as solutions developed at the community or state level.

http://www.dailycamera.com/cu-news/cj_23861165/epa-boss-gina-mccarthy-touts-obamas-climate-plan

Entrepreneur - Why the EPA and FAA Are Killing Musk's Better Idea - 8/14/13 - Tucked away in Elon Musk's plan for the Hyperloop linking Los Angeles to San Francisco, is an intriguing thought: Why aren't we breaking the sound barrier in commercial flight? Musk's Hyperloop is designed for points specifically at 900 miles apart or fewer. Why the limit?

"Around that inflection point, I suspect that supersonic air travel ends up being faster and cheaper," Musk said.

<http://www.entrepreneur.com/article/227840>

MSNBC - House Republican ready to 'defund the EPA' - 8/14/13 - And when it comes to "calling out" climate deniers, congressional Republicans are certainly giving progressives plenty to work with lately. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), the vice chair of the House Science Committee, argued last week that "global warming is a total fraud" created by those who want "global government to control all of our lives." A few days prior, Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) described the entirety of climate science as "more of a religion than a science."

http://maddowblog.msnbc.com/_news/2013/08/14/20023078-house-republican-ready-to-defund-the-epa?lite

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

THURSDAY: EPA Chief Gina McCarthy to Deliver Remarks at Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Luncheon in Des Moines – 8/13/13 - Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

Abilene Products Co., Inc., Agrees to \$90,660 Settlement for Violations of Clean Air Act at Abilene, Kan., Fertilizer Facility – 8/14/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

Removal Action, Thompson Chemicals, Inc. Superfund Site, St. Louis, Missouri – 8/13/13 – Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/19/13 - Meet and greet with CID KCAO – Carlos Rivera, Regional Office. Contact: Mike Burnett, 7990

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

8/15/13 – Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Superfund site public meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

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8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

WWPD

8/13-15/13 – Soil Science Society of America Nitrogen Use Efficiency Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

8/19/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

8/20-22/13 – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

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